

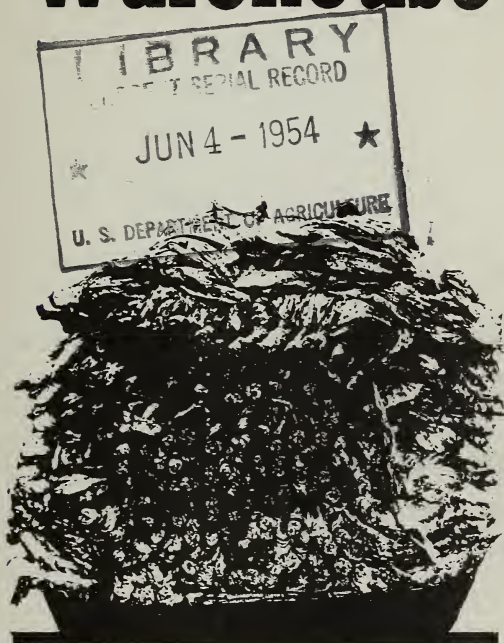
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# **TOBACCO** *at the* **Warehouse**



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Tobacco growers can help improve the market for their tobacco by observing the following simple rules. As a tobacco grower you should:

1. See that when your baskets are put on the warehouse floor they have:

- a. Six inches clearance between butts of tobacco in each basket in the row;
- b. At least 18 inches between butts of tobacco in baskets between rows; and
- c. At least 24 inches between any wall and the nearest basket of tobacco.

2. Tie tobacco in bundles of reasonable size -- just over the size of a 25-cent coin.

3. Keep strings and other foreign matter out of your tobacco. Clean tobacco generally sells for more money.

Spacing tobacco and tying bundles are important in marketing as indicated by the statement below received from one of the largest buyers of flu-cured tobacco:

“ Proper spacing between each basket of tobacco and between each row on warehouse floors is very helpful in keeping broken tie leaves to a minimum, and results in less low quality tobacco on warehouse floors and in redrying plants. ”

“ Too many leaves in the bundle make it necessary to overdry a large part of the tobacco in order to dry the large bundles sufficiently to keep them from damaging in the hogshead. Overdried tobacco is lifeless. Large bundles reduce output of redrying machines considerably. ”

The U. S. Department of Agriculture feels that growers profit by properly preparing and displaying their tobacco for market.

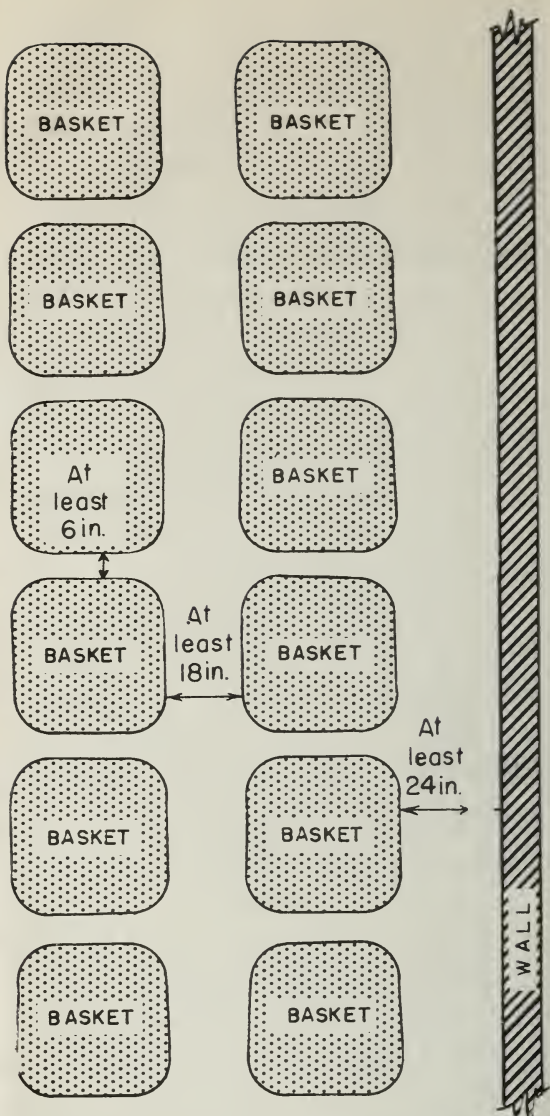


Diagram of properly spaced tobacco baskets on warehouse floor.